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SUBJ: CHARTER REVIEW -- COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE

REF: USUN 5916

1. WE ATTENDED BY SPECIAL INVITATION WEO AMBASSADORIAL
GROUP DISCUSSION OF CANDIDACIES.

2. WHEN GROUP REACHED CHARTER REVIEW PLAJA (ITALY)
REPORTED CO-SPONSORS OF RES HAD MET AND TENTATIVELY
AGREED TO TO EXPAND COMITE OF 37 MEMBERS WITH 9 WEO'S,
10 AFRICANS, 8 ASIANS, 7 LATINS AND 3 EE'S.

3. TEMPLETON (NZ) SAID THAT SEEMED JUST ABOUT RIGHT.
MURRAY (UK) INTERVENED TO STATE HMG HAD NOT DECIDED
WHETHER TO PAARTICIPATE BUT THAT THEY VERY SERIOUSLY
DOUBTED HMG BE INCLINED SERVE UNLESS COMITE'S COMPOSITION
WAS REALISTIC AND 9 OUT OF 32 WAS REALISTIC AND 10 OUT
OF 35 AS PER AGGRESSION COMITE WAS REALISTIC BUT COMPO-
SITION SUGGESTED FOR WEO'S (9) AND EE'S (3) WAS UNREALIS-
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TIC FOR BODY OF 37.

4. AMB. BENNETT SAID WE RESERVED OUR POSITION RE PARTICIPATION BUT CERTAINLY HAVE VERY SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT PARTICIPATION IN COMITE UNLESS IT COMPOSED IN MANNER DESCRIBED BY UK. SCALABRE (FRANCE) SPOKE ALONG SAME LINES.

5. FOLLOWING COUNTRIES INDICATED POTENTIAL DESIRE TO SERVE: AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, GREECE, ITALY, SPAIN, FRG, TURKEY, N.Z. AND A SCANDINAVIAN. UK IS IN PROCESS ENCOURAGING DENMARK TURKEY AND BELGIUM TO SERVE SO WEOS ON COMITE WILL NOT BE EXCLUSIVELY THOSE WHO SUPPORTED REVIEW IDEA. COMMENT: DEPT MIGHT WISH CONSIDER PARALLEL DEMARCHE IN COPENHAGEN, BRUSSELS AND ANKARA. END COMMENT.

6. AFTER MEETING BENNETT SPOKE TO PLAJA AND REITERATED OUR SERIOUS RESERVATIONS. WHE PLAJA SAID UN HAD CHANGED SINCE AGGRESSION COMITE CREATED BENNETT REPLIED THAT A MAJOR CHANGE IN UN SINCE FORMATION OF AGGRESSION COMITE WAS ENTRY OF FRG SO THERE NO BASIS FOR WEST ACCEPTING INFERIOR COMPOSITION TO AGGRESSION COMITE. WE ALSO SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT SHOULD WE DECIDE NOT TO SERVE ON COMITE WE FAIRLY CONFIDENT EE'S WILL NOT SERVE.

7. PLAJA WILL TRY HIS HAND AT OBTAINING ADEQUATE COMPOSITION BUT WE FEAR HE MAY NOT WITHSTAND THE PRESSURE UNLESS WE IN POSITION TO TELL HIM BY NOON DEC 13 WE WILL NOT OR AT THE LEAST PROBABLY WILL NOT SERVE UNLESS COMPOSITION IS 9 (OR POSSIBLY 8) OUT OF 32 AND 10 OUT OF 35 (OR POSSIBLY OUT OF 37). WE WOULD OF COURSE NOT USE SUCH AUTHORITY UNLESS IT ABSOLUTELY UNCESSARY AND FRANCE, UK AND USSR IN POSITION REFUSE TO SERVE. PLAJA IS BEING PRESSED BY SECRETARIAT AND IMPLICITLY BY PRESIDENT OF GA AND HE SHOWS ANXIETY TO WRAP MATTER UP AND FEARS WEST WILL NOT BE ABLE STRING MATTER OUT BEYOND TOMORROW OR SAT. SCALI

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